

GREAT ARMY IN CHINA BEING HELD IN READINESS TO STRIKE

Rebels Will Attack Capital If
Negotiations Fail --- Recent
Armistice Said to Be Broken

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A large revolutionary force is being concentrated at Nanking to be used in a demonstration against Peking should the peace negotiations at Shanghai fall through. This news was received here from Shanghai yesterday by the Chung Sai Yat Po, a Chinese newspaper, with the further information that the recent armistice was broken four days ago by the capture of Tai Yen Fu, the capital of Shan Si province, by the imperialists. These state the refusal of the commander of the revolutionists to hold out for a republic.

Japan May Intervene.

TOKIO, Dec. 26.—A conference of members of the Japanese cabinet, at which many statesmen, including Prince Katsura, the ex-premier, were invited to assist, was held here Sunday. The strictest secrecy has been maintained regarding the subjects of discussion, but it is generally believed that the latest

developments of the situation in China were under consideration. It is understood the conference reached the conclusion that a republican form of government by China was apparently inevitable.

Information from a reliable source has reached here that the revolutionaries in China continue to insist firmly on a republic and that the peace negotiations now proceeding at Shanghai will result in a rupture unless the imperial authorities in Peking should yield to their demands in this respect.

Most of the powers apparently are reconciled to the inevitable tendency of the situation. Neither Japan nor Great Britain has any intention of intervening in any way in China, much less of imposing any form of government on that country.

The general feeling here is that the only alternative for the present situation is for the representatives of the imperial government in Peking to yield.

ONLY FOUR OF THE OLD BOYS WERE HERE THIS CHRISTMAS

Twelfth Christmas In Tonopah and of
the Twenty-Five Pioneers Who Spent
the First Uletide Here, Five are Dead
and Sixteen Have Left the Country.

Eleven years ago yesterday, Christmas Day, December 25, 1900, there were twenty-five brave adventurers and seekers of fortune of the wealth in mother earth in Tonopah. Of these twenty-five hardy sons of toil, six have crossed the Great Divide and passed into an unknown land. Yesterday, of the nineteen living, but four were in our midst to clink the glass of friendship and wish one another a merry Christmas. These four pioneers were: R. B. ("Dick") Davis, Fire Chief W. J. Sinclair, W. A. ("Billy") Marsh of Pine Creek and Eli Sweiger of Klondike. The other fifteen living pioneers of Tonopah are scattered throughout the various states of our nation. Too bad that all could not have been present and exchanged glad tidings with one another, and recalled reminiscences of Tonopah's first Christmas, December 25, 1900. Yesterday, as the four old boys who suffered privations in their first few months of our now thriving city—the Queen of Nevada—related their tales, groups of interested people would

assemble around them, and many were the invitations to their pioneer guests to have "one more" merry Christmas drink on them. Christmas day, eleven years ago in Tonopah resembled that of yesterday. The day was clear, cold and no snow upon the ground. There was but little stock of the "drop that cheers" in the camp of Tonopah eleven years ago, but nevertheless it was a merry Christmas to the twenty-five souls who were assembled here on that day. The following is the list of persons present: Robert Stewart, E. Grossi, John Gleason (deceased), R. L. Davis, Harry Ramsey, Matt Devine (deceased), Fred Lutjens, Harry Bonnar, John Humphrey, W. J. Sinclair, Eli Sweiger, George Hughes, Governor T. L. Oddie, Sam Case, John Nay, Stephen Powers, W. A. Marsh, Dan Fitzpatrick (deceased), Charley Gannon (deceased), Jeff Ketten and Shafe Hauger and Charley Carr.

"Here's to the living pioneers, may their lives be long and pleasantly spent; to the departed, may their memory ever be held in reverence."

HOLY WREATH ON GRAVE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Upon the grave of Clement C. Moore, who wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a holy wreath was placed yesterday by a hundred children from the Sunday of the Church of the Intercession. A brief prayer and the singing of a Christmas carol and a hymn at the grave completed the ceremony.

GIVE FIRST DINNER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The first dinner of the Russo-Japanese society, recently formed here, was held last night at the Japanese embassy. Baron Ichiro Moto, Japanese ambassador of St. Petersburg, and M. Kekovsoff, the Russian premier, exchanged toasts, both referring to the value of Russo-Japanese friendly relations.

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TRAINMEN KILLED.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. 26.—Two trainmen were killed and three injured in a collision of Illinois Central freight trains between Grantsburg and Simpson yesterday.

REWARDED FOR FAITHFULNESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, is sorry that Chicago's smiling policeman is about to quit the department.

Gibbons has stood for years at the Rush street bridge and boast that he knew every owner of an automobile in Chicago. He announced a few weeks ago that he would resign from the police department January 1.

Gibbons went into the Central detail last night and drew a letter from his pocket. It was signed by Mr. MacVeagh.

"Do you see this?" said Gibbons. "It is from the secretary of the treasury, and I found something enclosed, too."

Gibbons' Christmas presents for years are said to have amounted to more than any other Chicago policeman.

"I have always been obliging," said Gibbons. "I think it pays to smile."

EDITOR MONTROSE CAN DIDATE FOR POSTMASTER

George M. Montrose, editor of the Carson News, is a candidate, it is said, for the position of postmaster at Carson, to succeed Postmaster Hofer, and it is understood that he and his friends are to make a strong fight for the appointment.

SUPREME COURT POSSIBILITIES

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 26.—In an interview here yesterday Senator Frances E. Warren of Wyoming, is quoted as saying that President Taft will appoint either Circuit Court Judge Walter C. Hook of Kansas, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Charles Nagel of St. Louis, or Frank Kellogg of Minnesota, as associate justice of the United States supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Harlan and that in any event President Taft will appoint a member of the eighth circuit.

Commenting on the next presidential election, Senator Warren says: "I have no doubt of President Taft's re-election and I have no doubt of his re-election. The La Follette boom has collapsed. The republicans recognize this all over the country."

FIND PURE COPPER IN NEVADA DOUGLAS

The first of this week there was encountered in the Nevada-Douglas property, on the 600-foot level, the greatest deposit of native copper so far opened up in the district, says the Yerington Times. It is really a sensational development, the ore being nearly pure metal and so compact that it is almost impossible to drill it. Great chunks of 98 per cent pure copper, weighing from a few pounds up to a quarter of a ton are being taken out.

At present it is not known how extensive this body is, but they are in it for seven feet with a drift and the metal is on both sides of them and in the face. When it is understood that the mine has produced and still is producing ore of this character, but not quite as high grade, on the level above, it is not hard for anyone to figure out what an extensive proposition this new strike is.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Fire discovered early yesterday in the center of the business section of the city did damage estimated at about \$100,000. Several firemen were overcome by smoke.

NEGRO MURDERER IS CHOPPED TO PIECES BY INFURIATED MOB

ACCUSED PASTOR RECEIVES GIFTS

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—A bounteous Christmas dinner, the gift of several of his former parishioners, helped to cheer Rev. Clarence V. Richeson yesterday in his cell in Charles street jail, where he is recovering rapidly from self-inflicted wounds of last week.

Dr. Lothrop, who visited the prison yesterday forenoon, reported that Richeson was making a good recovery and he would be in a practically normal condition before the end of the week.

William A. Morse, of Richeson's counsel, also visited the jail and had a brief conference with his client, but any important move in the defense of Richeson on the charge of murder Miss Avis Linnell still awaits the arrival of John H. Lee from Lynchburg, Va.

GOOD FELLOWS TAKE POSSESSION IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—"Good Fellows" in dozens of automobiles had possession of Chicago's streets last night carrying cheer to the poor policemen who saw the machines stacked high with bundles paid little attention to the speed of the machines. "They're on a fine mission, let 'em speed," was the expression generally heard among the policemen. More than 500 families were remembered by the "Good Fellows."

FEAST TURNED INTO TRAGEDY

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 26.—A Christmas feast was converted into a tragedy here yesterday when Z. Tuseka was shot and instantly killed in the presence of five companions who were watching the spreading of a banquet table after the six men came from early mass at All Saints church.

The conversation had turned to hunting and Tuseka had volunteered to show a trick about loading a gun. Fred Matz went to his room and got a gun to give a demonstration.

"Is it loaded?" asked Tuseka. "No," replied Matz, but as he was "breaking" it to show that it was empty, the weapon was discharged and tore a wound through Tuseka's left lung. The victim was married and 33 years of age.

Matz was taken into custody by the police, but was released when the incident was investigated.

TWO LOVELOCK PEOPLE KILL EACH OTHER

LOVELOCK, Nev., Dec. 26.—Today there culminated a long-standing feud between A. Killabrew, a rancher, and William Walker, a farm hand. Both men met on the principal business street, and when within a few feet of each other both began firing their pistols to kill. The result of the rapid firing caused both men to drop in their tracks dead. The cause of the tragedy was domestic affairs. Walker had alienated the affections of Killabrew's wife.

ELECTION ROYAL ARCH MASONS

The election of officers of Tonopah Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M., was held last Saturday evening and the following persons were elected for the ensuing year: W. I. Bray, high priest; P. S. Booth, king; Frank L. Sellstrom, scribe; H. C. Schmidt, treasurer; W. B. Bozarth, secretary.

Old newspapers for sale at this office—25c per hundred.

Shot and Killed White Man In Maryland---Lynched by Men Armed With Hatchets.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 26.—King Davis, a negro who Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab (white) of Fairfield, was taken from the Brooklyn, Md., jail yesterday and killed by a mob. Davis was chopped to death with hatchets.

The lynching was conducted with secrecy, the town authorities having no inkling of it until Chief of Police Irwin was notified by a newspaper carrier, who found the body as he was delivering his papers.

No guards are kept at the jail at night, and there is no clue to the perpetrators of the deed. The front door of the jail was found to have been burst open and the lock had been cut off the door of

the cell in which Davis was confined.

The trouble which caused the shooting of Schwab started in a saloon at Fairfield over a game of pool between Frank Schwab, a brother of the dead man, and Davis. Schwab claimed the negro called him vile names. After the party left the saloon, Frederick Schwab took up his brother's quarrel with Davis, who drew a pistol and sent bullet through Schwab's heart. Davis then fired two shots at Frank Schwab without effect.

The negro fled, but was arrested an hour later. He asserted that he shot in self-defense, declaring that Frederick Schwab had struck him a blow.

TUNNEL WILL NOT NOW BE DRIVEN TO TAP TAHOE

Government Abandons Project---California Congressman Notified That
Truckee River Will Be Only Outlet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Following the unanimous report of the committee of public lands of the house favoring the resolution introduced by Congressman Raker of California, directing the secretary of the interior to furnish copies of all correspondence and all records relative to any action taken or contemplated by the department concerning the diversion, by tunnel or otherwise, of the waters of Lake Tahoe, Raker has been notified that the department does not contemplate the use of the water of Lake Tahoe by the reclamation service otherwise than by natural viaduct through the Truckee river.

The official communication of the department is as follows:

"The contract at one time proposed to be entered into by the Truckee River General Electric company and the United States, contemplating the diversion of the waters of Lake Tahoe through tunnel to be constructed by the company, was withdrawn by the company, the consent of Secretary Ballinger. The company has definitely abandoned the tunnel project, and no use of the waters of Lake Tahoe by the reclamation service, otherwise than by natural viaduct through the Truckee river, is contemplated by the department."

FRESH DRIVER OF AN AUTO HITS MAN IN RENO

RENO, Nev., Dec. 26.—After knocking a man down and dragging him about 20 feet with his automobile, the driver of the car, which was numbered Reno 251, did not stop to ascertain the injuries of the man, but said, "Why can't you get out of the way?" and hurried on. The man was crossing Virginia street when the car struck him and but for his presence of mind he would have been hurt quite seriously.

The victim of the automobile accident is Andy Foster, a visitor in Reno from Oklahoma. When the car struck him he clung to the lamp bracket, and although his hands and arms were cut he hung on and saved himself from more serious injury, if not death. Had he not clung to the bracket of the lamp he would have been run over by the car, and as it was only one leg was run over.

MORSE NO BETTER.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—There was no material change in the condition of Charles W. Morse yesterday afternoon. He has not been informed of the failure of his application for a pardon.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 26.—The Canadian Pacific express which left Calgary, Alberta, Saturday night, west bound, crashed into a rock slide near Lyton yesterday, killing one passenger, injuring several and demolishing the engine and express car.

BABY JOSEPHINE AT THE BUTLER

CLEVER LITTLE ACTRESS AT
HER BEST---CROWDS GREET
LITTLE WONDER.

"Hobo Luck" is a Pathe American drama about two hoboes who think they have found a bunch of money, but after trials and tribulations, they find out their mistake. "A Man for All That" is an Edison story of a man who is down and out, but shows he has manhood left after all. "A Diamond in the Rough" is a Selig drama of the trials of a poor girl and her ineffectual father.

"The Valueless Message" is a feature Vitagraph and is a story of a poor deaf and dumb child who is in an orphan's home and is adopted by rich people, and by the use of the deaf and dumb language is able to save her foster parents' fortune.

"Baby Josephine," who has made such a big hit with the theatergoers of this popular playhouse, will be heard in new songs and dances tonight.

CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE.

WAUSAU, Wis., Dec. 26.—August and Jacob Hanske, of the town of Lincoln, Wood county, are twins as alike as two peas and seem by fate destined to remain so. For a short time they could be told apart as Jacob had lost three fingers on his left hand in a cutter, but now this mark of differentiation has been obliterated by August losing three fingers of his left hand in the same kind of machine.